Rev.21:13 On the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

The 12 tribes of Israel of no significance to us today, but the the building of the City of God has, hence we can apply our text to our own situation.

Gates on all sides indicate that the City of God is very accessible God offers every weary and worn trabeler warm hospitality. God wants His children to come home. The difficulties of salvation are not with God but with men.

"There's a wideness in His mercy
Like the wideness of the sea."

But not as tho there were no walls. Is admission made too easy? On one solemn occasion the door was shut. Nothing unclean shall enter. Only the names written in the Lamb's book of Life shall enter.

No two find the same entrance. Every one has his own gate. Truth cannot be housed in any one brain or creed. Our differences seemingly make us contradict one another. "Thou O Christ art more than they." Differences in personality and disposition make differences in religious experiences. One thru mind, another thru heart:one thru fear, another thru love.

Parents need not be surprised to find children having diffement experience from their own.

These various gates give us a different view of Christ. All the landscapes of the sun have not exhausted the sun, so all the personal interpretations of the Christ have not exhausted X and God. They all see the same Christ; these many gates lead into the same city. When we think that others ought to be like us we forget that one of a kind is enough.

Cathedral in N.Y. with seven apses in which 7 congregations worship in 7 different languages. The y could not be united into one cong, together speaking a polyglot tongue. Confusion would result.

Some think there is only one gate to the City of God-their own- nd it often turns out to be an auger hole of their own boring.

Roman Catholis and Greeks
Group of evangelicals
Salvation Army, missions, social service workers
All others traveling Godward

These twelve gates swing both ways, they lead out into different fields of service. We go out to rebuild the world.

There is a danger to church-going. We may feel good in church and consequently may conclude that we are good. After going from church are we more cheerful and kind, honest and useful? this is the test.

Jesus transfigured made the disciples with him feel good and they wanted to stay with Him up there on the mountain. But Christ ordered them back to the valley- His is a social gospel for the rebuilding of this world, the transforming of it into the kingdom of God. At the end of a supper the disciples sang a hymn and went out. At the close of our services we sing a hymn, then go forth, back into the home, business and society to to baptize and transform the world.

A danger of the church is that it may be too much self-centered, too greatly concerned with saving its own orthodoxy and respectability instead of with the outside world of poor children and lost men. Out interest now is in the community, its children, its schools, its social and home affairs.

There is some task for each one to do that no one else can do- each has his own gate of entrance into the City of God and out of the City into the world for service on its behalf.

The significance of the four sides to the city.

ON THE NORTH three gates. The night side of the kingdom where the air is chill and cold. The night of perplexities and doubts, of of troubles and sufferings. Is life worth while? Is there a X? Is the world growing better? Will the mystery of life ever be cleared up? If the minister could only know the mind of the his congregation! And if they could only understand his mind!

The many who thru bad heredity and poor environment must approach the City of God on the north side. And many times we all find ourselves on the North side. But thank God, on the north side are three gates. Whereas everyone must find his own gate of entrance, it is our approach on the north side that makes us help one another along. The misfortune and distress of others awakens within us a fellow feeling of compassion.

On the east side three gates- the Morning Side- Youth. Beauty and innocence, bright and clear, joyful and happy. Some think that you have to go outside the city of God to have a good time. That a good time can be had only in sinful ways. But you dont have to go to the devil in order to have a good time. The devil's good times cost you your good name and your character. But in the City of God all good things in life are raised to the highest degree of enjoyment and blessing. Thank God the the gates on the east side of life!

On the south side three gates. The sun at the zenith. The busy side of life. The Work-a-day World. The side of big business. The world of big business has no enterprise that can compare with that of the kingdom of God. Compared to the K of G on earth the Standard Oil is as

dust. Here are gates on the south side, lifting men up into the heights from which to catch the larger vision and the clearer vision of service and sacrifice.

Ruskin once said,"A man may get on a train, ride a thousand miles and get off just as big a fool as he was when he got on." The gates swinging both ways on the south side are confounding the wisdom of this world with the seemingly foolishness of God to reveal to men that their own ways of selfishness and greed are the height of folly defeating the very purpose for which they employ them. The Gospel of Christ is salvation for the world of business just as much as for the individual soul.

On the West three gates. The sun-sinking, shadow-lengthening side of life. Stars dimly appearing, the stars of eternity.

Business houses have declared,"No one employed over 40 yrs of age." Churches also,"No one over 40 can make a good preacher." This prejudice has been proved to be without foundation of fact. Much of the world's great work has been done by men on the Western Slope of life. ~~Michael Angelo painted "The Last Supper" at 70.~~ Galileo at 72 discovered the rotation of the earth on its axis. Benjaman Franklin most helped his country after he was 60. Gladstone waa premier of England at 83. Verdi wrote operas after he waa 80. Jefferson at 80 and Adams at 90 were

were mighty fordes in American affairs. Tolstoi at 74 and Herbert Spencer at 83 were literary giants. When the allies sought a man who could guide their armies to a final victory over the Huns they chose the aged Joffrie.

It is true that we want the young people in the church, tho they do make mistakes at times. But we want the old also. What is home with father and mother barred out? The young can never crowd the old off the the earth. On the West there are gates leading into the City of God. Up to the very last we can be of service in the kingdom.

Entrance into the City of God does not require great wealth of a diploma indicating profound wisdom but simply a working faith in Jesus Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "Take up thy cross and follow me".

"Just as I am without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God I come."

Hymn No.196.